Method Statement for Making Good of Sidney Street Elevation and Use of Reclaimed Bricks

Planning Application Reference: 145698/FO/2026
Site Address: 1 Hillcourt Street, Manchester

Condition 3: "Prior to the commencement of the making good of the property's Sidney Street elevation following the removal of the cill hereby approved to be removed, a strategy/methodology for the making good of the elevation and the use of reclaimed bricks, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the City Council as Local Planning Authority. "

1. Introduction

This Method Statement has been prepared in support of the discharge of the planning condition 3 relating to the making good of the Sidney Street elevation following the formation of the approved new entrance doorway.

The intention of the proposed works is to ensure that alterations to the existing elevation are carried out sensitively and that the repaired areas blend with the existing building fabric, preserving the character and appearance of the non-designated heritage asset.

2. Existing Situation

The approved development involves the conversion of an existing window opening into a new entrance doorway. The existing sandstone cill associated with the former basement window opening will be removed to facilitate level access.

The existing header above the door opening will be retained.

Due to the proposed door width being narrower than the existing sandstone header, localised brick infill will be required to either side of the new doorway opening.



3. Salvage and Reuse of Existing Bricks

Bricks removed during the formation of the new opening and associated works will be carefully removed by hand where practicable to minimise damage.

Salvaged bricks will be retained on site and reused within the new infill areas to ensure the closest possible match in terms of colour; texture; size and surface finish.

There should be enough salvaged bricks. However, should there be an insufficient quantity of suitable salvaged bricks available, matching reclaimed bricks will be sourced to closely replicate the existing brickwork. if bricks can't be salvaged from the elevation, the LPA's consent will be sought for any replacement brick, and this will be a reclaimed heritage brick.

4. Brickwork Repairs and Installation

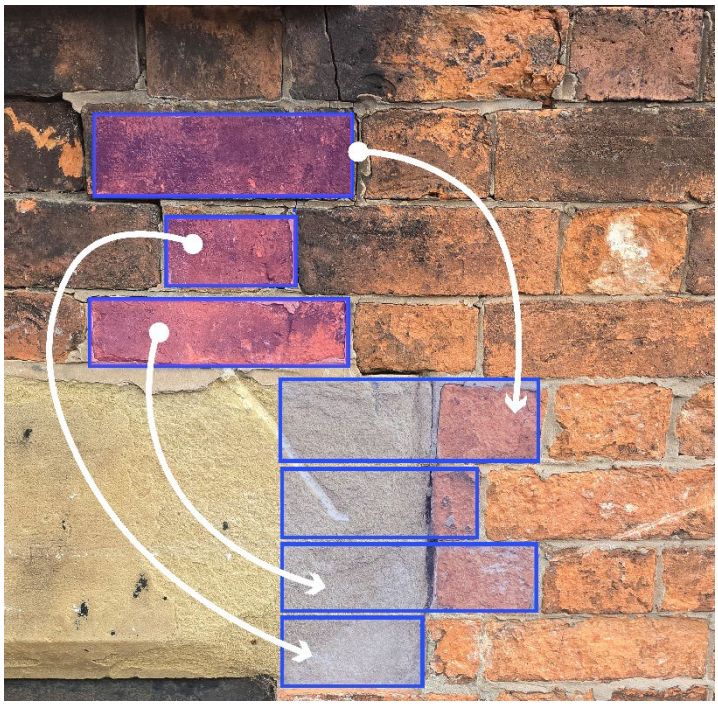
The new infill brickwork will be constructed to match the existing brick bond pattern and coursing of the surrounding elevation.

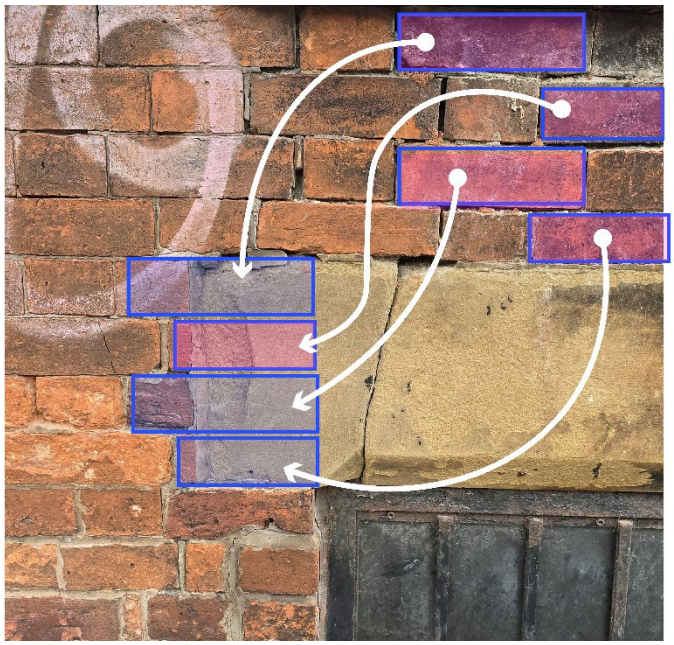
The extent of new brickwork will be limited to the minimum necessary to accommodate the approved doorway.

Care will be taken to align perpends and horizontal joints with the adjacent existing masonry to ensure a cohesive appearance.

In order to achieve a more sympathetic and visually integrated repair, the new brick infill will be carefully toothed into the existing brickwork where practicable, rather than forming straight vertical junctions.

(Right side)





(Left side)

This approach will allow the new masonry to interlock with the existing fabric, reducing the visual prominence of the repair works and helping the completed elevation read as a coherent whole. The extent of toothing-in will be determined on site to minimise unnecessary disturbance to the existing historic fabric whilst ensuring a high-quality finish.

6. Lime mortar Specification

New Lime mortar used within the repaired areas will be selected to match the existing mortar in terms of colour; texture; joint profile and general appearance. Mortar samples will be reviewed on site prior to completion of the works to ensure compatibility with the existing masonry.

8. Completion of Works

Upon completion, the repaired areas of the Sidney Street elevation will be visually integrated with the existing building fabric to provide a sympathetic and high-quality finish, in accordance with the approved planning permission and in the interests of preserving the character and appearance of the building.

The proposed methodology seeks to minimise intervention to the existing building fabric and ensure that all making good works are undertaken using appropriate materials and techniques.

The use of reclaimed bricks, careful toothing-in of the new masonry, and matching mortar will ensure that the completed development preserves and enhances the appearance of the Sidney Street elevation.